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divisional application. Please amend claims 13 and 38 as

follows:

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the avian cell is an avian hepatocyte.

38. (Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the avian cell is an avian hepatocyte.

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicant has cancelled claim 55 and amended claims 13 and 38. Accordingly, claims 1-54 are now pending in the subject application.

A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

In view of the remarks below, applicant maintains that the Examiner's rejection has been overcome, and respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

Formalities

Specification

The Examiner stated that minor formatting changes were made to the Specification by way of informal Examiner's Amendment. Applicant acknowledges the changes made by the Examiner.